



MCLB Albany Becomes Star Site In OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program

ARLINGTON, Va.-- Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, Ga., was recognized by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) for superior excellence in health and worker safety and awarded Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Star status on May 5. The Award designates the base as a Star site within the Department of Defense – only the second Marine Corps facility to attain this level.

In recognition of the VPP Star Site honor, Colonel Don Davis, Commanding Officer, MCLB Albany, was presented with a plaque and Star flag by Robert Vazzi, OSHA Area Director for Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

"At its core, the Voluntary Protection Program is about caring for one another and ensuring each individual is doing everything within his or her power to go home safely after successfully accomplishing the mission at the conclusion of each workday," said Colonel Davis.

General John M. Paxton, Jr., Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, was present to recognize the installation and the ceremony attendees. "It is because of your vision, your hard work and your commitment that you are receiving this prestigious award." "Your accomplishments have placed MCLBA in a truly unique category," he said.

Within the OSHA program, three levels of designation or achievement can be attained: Star, Merit, or Star Demonstration. The Star designation indicates the installation's successful demonstration of continued and ongoing planning, implementation, integration, and control of VPP's four interdependent elements at the highest level:

- Management Leadership and Employee Involvement
- Worksite Analysis
- Hazard Prevention and Control
- Safety and Health Training

"We are proud of this accomplishment, humbled to be able to fly the Star flag aboard the installation and poised to continue our efforts associated with what led to this achievement," said Lt. Col Nathaniel Robinson, executive officer, Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany. "The overall health and workplace safety of all personnel aboard the base is a top priority for us and this designation symbolizes the culmination of our workforce's efforts and the exceptional job they do daily while carrying out their individual responsibilities and the base's overall mission."

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